



Yukon Legislative Assembly

Special Committee on Electoral Reform

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MINUTES

Meeting No. 17

Monday, February 28, 2022

Committee Meeting Room, Yukon Legislative Assembly, Whitehorse

The Special Committee on Electoral Reform met in camera this day at 3:00 p.m., the Chair, Kate White, presiding.

Members present: Kate White (Chair),
Brad Cathers (by videoconference), and
Hon. John Streicker.

Also present: Helen Fitzsimmons, Director Administration, Finance and
Systems, and
Allison Lloyd, Clerk to the Committee

Approval of Agenda

It was agreed, on motion of Mr. Cathers, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Streicker, THAT the agenda for Meeting No. 17 of the Special Committee on Electoral Reform be adopted as presented.

Approval of Minutes of Meeting No. 15 (January 21, 2022)

It was agreed, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Streicker, THAT the minutes for Meeting No. 15 (January 21, 2022) of the Special Committee on Electoral Reform be adopted as presented and made public.

Approval of Minutes of Meeting No. 16 (February 2, 2022)

It was agreed, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Streicker, THAT the minutes for Meeting No. 16 (February 2, 2022) of the Special Committee on Electoral Reform be adopted as presented and made public.

Communications

The committee reviewed two scope of work documents provided by Mammoth. Ms. Fitzsimmons updated the committee members on how the estimated costs from Mammoth for campaign development and delivery fit within the committee's overall budget.

The electoral reform education campaign plan provided by Mammoth was reviewed and approved.

Electoral Reform Survey

The committee discussed an update on the electoral reform survey provided by the Yukon Bureau of Statistics.

The survey's closing date was considered. The Bureau has stated that the tentative closing date could be adjusted based on the level of response. Some members indicated their desire for the committee to make the decision on when the survey will be closed.

The Yukon Bureau of Statistics will report to the committee by May 31, 2022. The committee discussed the importance of receiving the information from the survey prior to the start of public hearings in Yukon communities.

Committee Work Plan

The committee considered its work plan.

The possibility of holding additional videoconference public hearings with expert witnesses was discussed. The committee clerk was tasked with contacting Kenneth Carty, Graham White, Dennis Pilon and Michael Pal to enquire about their availability for public hearings on Fridays after March 19, 2022.

The committee discussed inviting Fair Vote Yukon to appear at a public hearing as a stakeholder organization.

The committee reviewed that at its meeting on July 28, 2021, the committee agreed to hold in person public hearings in Whitehorse, Dawson City, Watson Lake, Haines Junction, May, Teslin and Carmacks. The committee discussed holding the first in person hearing in Whitehorse in early June 2022. It was suggested that the hearings could be held in the evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Members of the public would be asked to pre-register to appear as witnesses. No registration would be required to attend the hearings and, time permitting, individuals who had not pre-registered could potentially appear following registered witnesses. Members indicated a preference for short presentations with the option for witnesses to provide additional information in written submissions.

Other Business

The Hon. Mr. Streicker provided documents which had been collected by the Commission on Electoral Reform in 2019.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be to the call of the Chair.

At 4:25 p.m. the committee adjourned.



Allison Loyd
Clerk to the Committee